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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3, 6-17, 20-48 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 3, 6-17, 20-48 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of a distribution device comprising: a second section of the line connected with the first section of the line via a bent section, and the first section of the line is held at least over a part of its length suspended above the second section of the line (for claims 3, 6, 8-17 and 28-32,45) and a distribution device comprising: the power supply chain is folded in the distribution trough, and the said at least one magnet is guided on the lower side of the upper stringer and the upper stringer of the power supply chain is held at least over a part of its length suspended above the lower stringer of the power supply chain (for claims 20-25, 33-44,46), and a distribution device comprising: the distribution surface has at least one distribution surface magnet that repels the at least one magnet guided with the line so that the line is held at least over a part of its length suspended above the distribution surface (for claims 7 and 47) and a distribution device comprising: the distribution trough has at least one distribution trough magnet that repels the at least one magnet of the power supply chain so that the power supply chain is held at least over a part of its length suspended above the distribution trough (for claims 26-27 and 48).

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The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

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